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212th Combat Support Hospital exercise Validates new equipment and personnel training

HEIDELBERG, Germany – The 212th Combat Support Hospital based at Miesau is now at Baumholder conducting its Regional Training Sight (RTS) medical training, a surgical and field training exercise and a validation exercise to assess the equipment and personnel for the newly-converted 84-bed deployable hospital.

During the next 20 days, the 212th performs the crucial tasks involved with deploying the hospital to a combat zone, establishing the hospital, and sustaining operations. The exercise includes real outpatient and inpatient services offered to the Baumholder military community.

The 212th CSH recently converted from a 36-bed Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) to a CSH. Historically, a MASH unit was 100 percent mobile and was the nearest facility on the battlefield specializing in surgical and resuscitative care. The CSH is also 100 percent mobile, has 44 of the 84 beds, as well as the same surgical and resuscitative capabilities of a MASH. The CSH is also modular, with an augmentation element consisting of 40 additional intermediate care beds, to complete the 84-bed package and includes primary and specialty care functions that the MASH did not have. The MASH to CSH conversion also included modernizing the equipment and capabilities to meet today's demands of the military healthcare system. A CSH retains the compactness and rapid deployment ability, an important feature that reflects the Department of Defense's transformation to Brigade Combat Teams.

